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(U) Rossmoor – Man Charged with Threatening Merriam-Webster Dictionary Over Gender-Fluid Definitions

(U) A California man on Friday appeared remotely in federal court in this city after an arrest last week for allegedly making death threats against Merriam-Webster employees for the company's inclusion of gender-fluid definitions in recent dictionary editions. A criminal complaint attached to the case outlines eight-years of similar alleged threats by Jeremy David Hanson, 34, of Rossmoor, California, against a New York rabbi, a DC Comics writer, a Disney executive, a Black elected official in Wisconsin, Hasbro for offering a gender-neutral Potato Head toy and others.

SOURCE 29 April 2022, [Mass Live](#)

(U) Sacramento – Two Men Plead Guilty in Retail Theft Spanning Nine Counties

(U) Two men have pleaded guilty for their role in an organized retail theft ring that stole about \$1 million from stores across nine California counties, including Sacramento and Placer, officials said Friday. Authorities said Anton Salaam, Marion Paul Tilley, and two other suspects stole high-end jewelry from multiple JCPenney and Sam's Clubs stores across the state between September 2020 and February 2021. They then sold or exchanged the items. The thefts were different from the "flash mob style smash-and-grab" robberies captured on video in California and other states last year, Attorney General Rob Bonta said.

SOURCE: 29 April 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Conducted Two Million Searches of US Data Related to Cyberattacks in 2021

(U) Washington – The FBI conducted up to 3.4 million warrantless searches of Americans' electronic data last year including 1.9 million related to a cyber threat from Russia, according to an annual transparency report released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on Friday. The report is the first time that the US intelligence community has disclosed even an approximate number of the FBI's searches of American data using the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The law is focused on threats emanating from outside of the United States, but also allows the FBI, the CIA and others to search data for Americans' information provided there is a validly predicated foreign intelligence purpose.

SOURCE: 29 April 2022, [CNN](#)

(U) Florida – Palm Beach County Hospitals Used Paper to Cope with a Cyber Attack

(U) Palm Beach – Two of Palm Beach County's largest hospitals were forced to return to paper record-keeping and make other adjustments in patient care this week because of what their parent company labeled a "cybersecurity incident." A spokesperson for Tenet Healthcare said computer systems and phone lines were back in operation at Good Samaritan and St. Mary's medical centers Wednesday night

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after some were down for a week. "All services at Good Samaritan Medical Center and St. Mary's Medical Center are available to care for our community, and core systems are restored," spokesperson Shelly Weiss Friedberg said in a statement.

SOURCE: 30 April 2022, [Palm Beach Post](#)

(U) Louisiana – Six People Shot at Bar on First Weekend of Jazz Fest

(U) New Orleans – Police are searching for gunmen who left six people injured in what was described as a "shootout" near a popular Uptown New Orleans bar. The New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) said the shooting occurred Friday around 10:17 p.m., wounding patrons of the Balcony Bar & Cafe at 3201 Magazine St. The NOPD initially said four women were injured in the shooting, but after midnight added two men to the list of shooting victims after they arrived seeking hospital treatment in a private vehicle. The NOPD said on Saturday morning that all the victims were considered "stable" when treated Friday night, and that "no suspects have been identified or arrests made" as of 9:30 a.m. Witnesses to the shooting told media they heard shots being fired from a vehicle that pulled up alongside the bar on Harmony Street, before it turned and fled down Magazine Street.

SOURCE: 29 April 2022, [KSLA News](#)

(U) Mississippi – Mass Shooting at Crawfish Festival Leaves One Dead, Five Hurt

(U) Jackson – At least one person is dead, and five others wounded after a mass shooting Saturday night at the Mudbug Festival at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson, officials said. At least two people have been detained in connection to the shooting, but several shooters possibly opened fire at the fairgrounds, according to Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones. An officer was also involved in the shooting, the sheriff said. The deceased male victim, who was declared dead at the scene, has not yet been identified. The other victims were transported to local hospitals with injuries, officials said.

SOURCE: 1 May 2022, [NY Post](#)

(U) North Carolina – Two Arrested, 1.1-Pounds of Fentanyl Seized at Residence

(U) Asheville – A months-long investigation has led to the arrest of two people and the seizure of 1.1-pounds of fentanyl by the FBI and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office. Early on 29 April, the FBI executed a search warrant in Leicester because of the investigation based on community complaints. During a search of the residence, officials seized the drugs, along with a firearm and \$1,136 in US currency. Two suspects at the home surrendered without incident, officials said. Tyrius Eugene Smith and Denise Nicole Williams, both of Buncombe County, are now in custody of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

SOURCE: 29 April 2022, [WLOS news](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Forces Capture Cartel Leader Responsible for Multiple Murders

(U) Mazatlan – Mexican authorities have captured a suspected leader of the powerful Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), the navy and the Morelos state prosecutor's office said Saturday. Francisco Javier Rodriguez Hernandez, known as "El Señorón" or "XL" or "Frank," was apprehended on Friday in the tourist city of Mazatlan, in the northwest state of Sinaloa, in an operation carried out by navy agents. The US Department of Justice considers the Jalisco cartel to be "one of the five most dangerous transnational criminal organizations in the world." Rodriguez Hernandez, who allegedly heads the CJNG in the central state of Morelos, is wanted for aggravated homicide, including the murders of three doctors in April 2020, according to the Morelos Attorney General's Office.

SOURCE: 2 May 2022, [CBS News](#)

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(U) Romania – Romania Under Cyberattack Coming from Russia's Killnet

(U) Bucharest – The pro-Russian hacker group Killnet, which has already claimed several attacks that have taken place in recent days against some official sites in Romania, threatened on Saturday, April 30, that it would target almost 300 other sites, Economica.net reported. Newspapers, major public institutions, hotels, boarding houses, booking sites and political parties are considered. Among the institutions whose sites are targeted are the Government, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and also those of the tax collection agency ANAF, the Romanian Gendarmerie or special telecommunications services STS.

SOURCE: 2 May 2022, [Romania-Insider](#)

(U) Spain – 2021 Spyware Attack Targeted Prime Minister's Phone

(U) Madrid – The cellphones of Spain's prime minister and defense minister were infected last year with Pegasus spyware, which is available only to countries' government agencies, authorities announced Monday. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's mobile phone was breached twice in May 2021, and Defense Minister Margarita Robles' device was targeted once the following month, Cabinet Minister Félix Bolaños said. The breaches, which resulted in a significant amount of data being obtained, were not authorized by a Spanish judge, which is a legal requirement for national covert operations, Bolaños said at a hastily convened news conference in Madrid.

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